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MAPLE *et al.* ) Attention:  
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For: IMPROVEMENTS IN DATA STORAGE )

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 13, 2001, of the Initial Patent Examination Division of the Patent and Trademark Office, the period for response to which is set to expire on November 13, 2001. Submitted herewith is the executed declaration for the above-captioned application. Applicants are also submitting herewith formal drawings that comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84.

The fee of \$860.00, which includes the basic statutory filing and late declaration surcharge, is enclosed by way of credit card authorization. Please charge any deficiencies in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account 07-1337 and direct any inquiries in connection with this application directly to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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